To the Transportation and Environment Committees:

I'm writing to express my strong support for SB 4, An Act Concerning the Connecticut Clean Air Act. I am especially enthusiastic about the sections that:

- Require carbon mitigation projects when state funds are used for infrastructure projects that increase carbon emissions. As federal infrastructure funding starts getting used, we have to be sure we're making the climate situation better, not worse. We absolutely need to invest in more, and better connected, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
- Help towns upgrade traffic signals for more efficient traffic flow and lower emissions. If more efficient flow results in fewer aggravated drivers racing to beat yellow lights, this could also make the roads safer. And it's critical that adjacent towns coordinate, as the bill incentivizes.

I hope this bill will be passed with bipartisan support by both chambers early in the legislative session rather than letting it languish until the end, only to hear "We ran out of time. It died on the calendar."

It's no longer hyperbole to say the clock is running down for avoiding a climate crisis of catastrophic proportions. Let's set a brisk pace for adopting, and implementing, climate action policies. We have a lot of lost time to make up for.

Thank you,

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